

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the application.

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts mailed June 1, 2004, and a Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed August 20, 2004, Applicant has provided formal drawings herewith. Applicant submits no new matter has been added by way of these formal drawings.

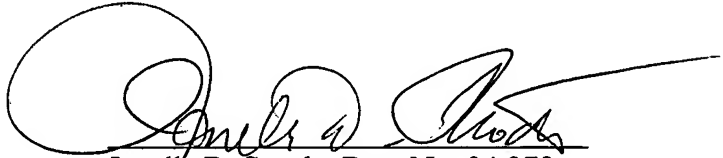
Applicant has provided amendments to paragraphs [0011] and [0012] herewith, wherein the discussion of Figures 2 and 3 has been amended to include Figures 2A and 2B, and Figures 3A, 3B, and 3C now shown in the formal drawings in order to illustrate the various views provided in the informal drawings as originally filed. Applicant submits no new matter has been added by way of this amendment to the discussion of the formal drawings.

CONCLUSIONS

Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the attached formal drawings, including Fig. 1-3c for the informal drawings as originally filed.